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## HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

L. H. BAILEY, PROFESSOR OF HORTICULTURE.

Ithaca, N. Y., Aug. 24, 1889.

My Dear Mr. Watson:

I have yours of the 22nd inst. I expected that you would change my copy to conform to the rest of the Manual.

I inserted *C. distans* because it has been found two or three times, and because it is a plant which is likely to stick. Two or three other ballast varieties I omitted. I do not know if *C. flava* var. *Oederi* is a ballast plant. I simply had it from Martindale, without explanation. But it is exceedingly common in Europe, and is no doubt well established in various places in this country; yet I have definite information concerning only the one locality.

I have used *Vignœæ* and *Phyllostachy* as I have found them. If you make the latter plural, you conform it with

The group Phyllostachyae (cf. *Carex* Synop-  
sis, 128). Phyllostachys Carey gave to a  
more important group, and I have  
made it a sectional name, as you see.

I know that the key is an elephant;  
so is the genus. I cut it down about  
a third. I do not see how it can be  
made any shorter and be of any service.  
It will be unfortunate to omit it; the  
genus is so large and difficult. "A skeleton  
of the 40 groups", which you desire, is  
furnished in the Synopsis of Groups.

Yours sincerely,  
L. H. Bailey

Would it not be a good thing to refer in  
the text, in the proper places, to the tables?